

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

[To accompany bills S. 610 and 611.]

LETTER.

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

AS TO

*The propriety of establishing ports of delivery at Council Bluffs and
Sioux City, in the State of Iowa.*

FEBRUARY 20, 1857.—Ordered to be printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
February 14, 1857.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th instant, enclosing Senate resolution dated 10th instant, instructing the Committee on Commerce to inquire into the expediency of establishing ports of delivery at Council Bluffs and Sioux City, in the State of Iowa, and to state, in reply, that the department is not aware of any trade to those places which would require their establishment as ports of delivery. Whenever ports of entry or delivery are established, the increase adds so much to the general cost of collecting the revenue; but ports of delivery at the places in question would materially accommodate the railroad snow being made to them, by admitting the landing and warehousing of the iron at those points, and requiring the payment of duties only as the same is needed; and as several ports have been established within the last few years with a view chiefly to such accommodation of other roads, it would seem to be reasonable to afford the like accommodation in the present instances.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES GUTHRIE,
Secretary of the Treasury.

HON. HENRY DODGE,
Chairman Committee on Commerce, U. S. Senate.

